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Tax Revaluation +$¢

An informal public hearing was held by the Assessors on March 10th, lasting about 1½ hours. Approximately 40 people attended.

The Town has to be reassessed for 100% valuation for January 1st, 1982. The Town Assessors have hired consultants, and by doing much of the work themselves, kept this price down to $4800.

Land and houses have all been re-valued. The figure has received preliminary certification by the state. Impact statements will be sent out to each land owner, and a formal public hearing will be held shortly thereafter. Assessments will be reviewed for a 2 to 3 week period, adjustments made, if necessary, and final figures submitted for certification.

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Town Budget Cut $60,000 by H581 -$¢

Have you heard of House Bill #581? Don't feel left out. Neither had many Wendell residents until April 13th. A better date might have been April 1st.

If this bill passes the Massachusetts Legislature it would mean a $60,000 loss in revenue to the town. The purpose of the bill is to help offset the impact of proposition 2½ by a rearrangement of state redistribution of reimbursements.

While this juggling will indeed help some towns (Boston stands to gain $1.9 million,) 156 smaller towns will lose money. In general, the loss is suffered by small towns who have large amounts of state property within their borders and those who have managed to keep their tax rates low.

Wendell qualifies on both accounts in a big way. The state owns more than 1/3 of the land in Wendell. Wendell has a low tax rate, around $20/ $1,000 of property value. Previously the state has paid at a rate of $55/ $1,000, an average of the tax rates across the state. The new bill, H#581, would use the local tax rate to compute the states payment in lieu of taxes, therefore the enormous drop in reimbursements. Tom Hammond, aide to Sen. Olver, Chairman of the Taxation Committee, feels the bill will be buried in committee. If it is not there is a coalition of small towns forming to fight the bill.

If the bill does pass, the impact on Wendell's budget making process could be overwhelming.

Finance Committee Reports... =?$¢

As the Wendell Finance Committee made its final business-like adjustments on their reccomendations for the 1982-1983 town budget they contemplated the possible loss of $60,000 in reimbursements from the state. After discussing several plans of action, they chose to ignore the possibility of this loss and to dress up the budget they had worked on since before Christmas. (See Town Budget Cut)

The threat of lost revenue came from some Mass. Legislators' attempts to rearrange the process of state reimbursements to solve the problems some towns were having dealing with proposition 2½. The affect on Wendell's budget making process was like a meat cleaver where town departments had painfully applied a surgeons scalpel to meet the contraints of proposition 2½.

Finance Committee member, Donald Stone stated, " We have prepared an austere budget, but a budget the town can live with. It will probably go over the levy limit based on the 1981 levy but it will not be unfair."

What the Finance Committee will recommend is likely to be less than the $260,000 voted last year to be raised by taxation. It will be more than the $224,000 actually assessed Wendell taxpayers because of larger than expected reimbursements from the state.

Pushing the levy limit does not mean the Wendell town officials and service departments are going on a spending spree. In fact, the Swift River School and the Highway Department are essentially level-funded. Mahar Regional and local school budgets show an increase this year, but they are the exceptions.

In few cases do any of the other town departments show increases in their budgets. Mostly these are increases for expenses over which the departments have no control.

One new expense, is the purchase of a tax map for the Assessors. The Fin Com supports this expense, feeling that it will pay back the town in more effective tax collection. They will suggest, however, that the town purchase this item from Free Cash monies.

(Look for Finance Committee Report at all regular distribution places.)

Signs of the times; mud boots and tee-shirts, burning brush and voter registration, bird songs and fresh winds mark the end of winter's hold on Wendell town.

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Election Calendar

Election of Wendell Town Officers
Monday, May 3rd.
Polls open from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

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Wendell Pre-Town Meeting
Tuesday, May 4th, 7:30 pm, Townhall

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Wendell Annual Town Meeting
Saturday, May 8th, 10:00 am, Townhall

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New Salem Election of Officers
Monday, May 3rd
Polls open 11:45 am to 8:00 pm

New Salem Annual Town Meeting
Monday, June 21st, 7:30 pm, Townhall

Please Remember to Vote!

Letters

LETTER TO THE TOWN

March 27, 1982

Dear Taxpayers:

I would like to thank all of you who hav used the envelopes marked P.O. Box 156, Orange, MA 01364 that I recently enclosed with your 1982 Real Estate Tax Bills. This P.O. Box is used by the Franklin County Trust Bank. They pick up your payments dail and register the payments and then within 24 hours your payment is collecting interes for the Town of Wendell. The interest gain by the immediate deposit of these tax payments will far exceed the cost of this service to the town.

I thank you again for your assistance i this matter.

Sincerely,
Judith Wilder
Wendell Tax Collector

LETTER TO WENDELL POST

Appearing on the Town meeting warrant this year will be an article concerning the movement for a bilateral U.S. User freeze on the testing, production, and deployment nuclear weapons. Growing out of a campaign by a local organization, the Traprock Peace Center, to place the question on the Mass. state ballot in 1981, the freeze has since reached the West, the Midwest and even the halls of Congress.

In this endeavor, the TPC follows a historical tendency of town government to involve itself directly in the major affairs of the nation beginning with the American Revolutionary movement itself and encompassing debate on the advisability of war with France in 1798 as well as the question of abolition of slavery.

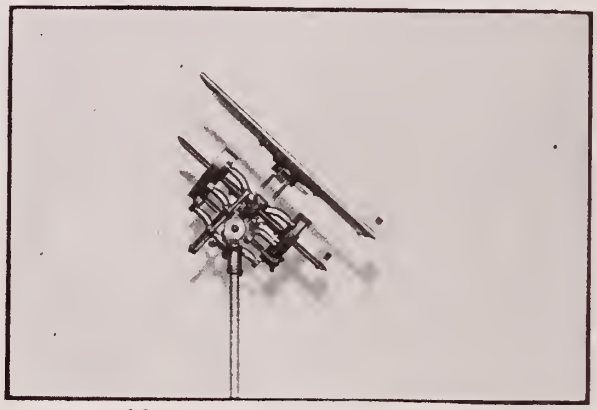
When the Town Meeting convenes on May 8 it will, therefore, address not only the usual school and road business, but will also participate in a process of National debate dating back at least to the founding of the Republic.

Any voter interested in information on the issue should contact TPC at (413) 773-7427 or Dave Walsh at 544-2306.

Sincerely yours,
David Walsh

FLOWERS PUSHING THROUGH SNOW

After the last storm photographer Don Pugh captured this image of flowers pushing through snow. The flowers made it and so did we. This photo is "The Wendell Post"'s birthday present to itself, because the strength to survive is a voluntary effort.



WHAT'S IT? "The Wendell Post" is holding a contest, a little indulgance because it's our B-Day. Send your ideas to the "Post" address. Winners will have their photo in the next issue. There is a clue in this paper, can you find it?

REMINDER:

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Opinion

The Wendell Post can say at least this much about the Nuclear Freeze Resolution that appears on the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting. We q te from President Dwight Eisenhower who said in 1959,

" I like to believe that people in the long run are going to do more to promote peace than are governments. I think that people want peace so much that one of these days goverments had better get out of the way and let them have it."

HOMESTEAD ANYONE?

Valley Community Land Trust has first option to buy 14 acre (6 in pasture) near Wendell Center. If interested in the possibility of building a homestead on the land as a lessee with Valley Community Land Trust, please write to Box 1620, Colrain, Mass., 01340.

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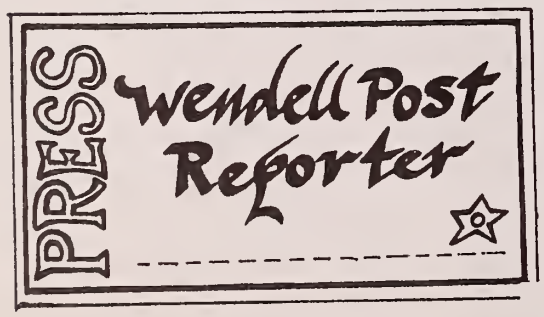

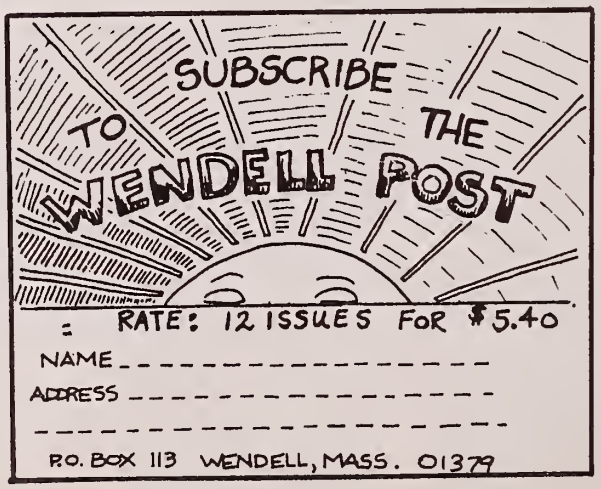

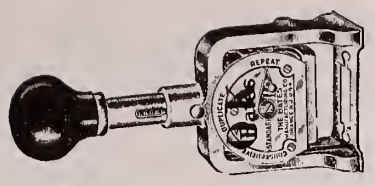

Paragraph from The Red and Blue Review, article: "The Accreditation Regained", Vol. VII No. 5, Mahar Regional School, Orange, MA.

The Accreditation Regained

By KAREN ALLEN

The Commission on Public Schools, at its March 7-8 meeting, voted to recommend to the Executive Committee of the Association that Mahar be reinstated in accreditation for ten years. Regaining accreditation is truly an asset for Mahar.

When a high school is recognized as being accredited, that school complies with the high standards the Commission on Public Schools sets. When a graduate from an accredited school applies to a college, the simple fact that his high school is accredited is a plus for him because this tells the college he has had the necessary background in high school to successfully continue his education.

When asked why Mahar was granted accreditation, Mr. Clune very distinctly said, "Because we're good!" Mahar ranks in the top twenty-five percent in the North East which is certainly good. Mahar could have been denied accreditation, or granted it for one, two or five years. Mahar hit the top of the scales with the maximum ten years!

While the evaluators were here, they commented on the ability and experience of our teachers, and the cooperation of the student body. Mr. Clune commented, "Most kids at Mahar want to do a good job. We tend to get knocked by people who don't know us, but the important thing is that we know we have a good school." The Visiting Team perceived Mahar as being well supported by the School Committee and the citizens of the district. Many community members come to our concerts, plays, banquets and other school sponsored activities. The committee was also very impressed by the fact that everyone at Mahar is willing to help each other and, as a result, the whole school runs smoothly.

Other factors that certainly weighed heavily in the decision to recommend a ten year accreditation are (1) a greater opportunity for vocational education for Orange and Petersham students, (2) a declining enrollment resulting from the withdrawal of Erving and the vocational opportunities, (3) the initiation of a formal career education program, and (4) the establishment of a computer lab with plans to expand these facilities through grants.

The year 1991 sounds faraway, but, in reality, it isn't. No one can say with certainty. Mr. Clune said, "The next ten years are a big question mark. There is no real way I could say either way." He explained that Mahar's budget was cut twenty-three percent last year, there was no growth this year, and won't be any next year either. "We are on a fixed budget, and it's going to catch up to us sometime." He added, "Where will the money come from to make repairs on the school? I don't know." He feels that if the taxpayers support us, Mahar will be granted accreditation in the 1991.

"Overall," said Mr. Clune, "I think it is significant that we have received accreditation for ten years, because so few schools are granted that amount. I am proud to be a part of Mahar."

Tax Revaluation

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Much of the data used to obtain values was determined by using sales during the past five years. Thirty land sales and thirty eight houses have been sold during this period. In addition some standard formulas are used to determine values.

Some of the factors affecting house values are:

Type of construction, ie: "economy", "average" and "good".

Age of house: "prior to 1900", "1901-1940" and "1940 to date".

Number of bathrooms: a full bath adds $1,000 to value and a half bath adds $500.

Fireplaces: one fireplace adds $2500 to value, two adds $3500 to value.

Size of house: Depending on type of construction and age, a value per square foot is assigned which, when multiplied by the area of the house, gives the total value. Older houses over 2000 square feet have a decreasing rate.

Out buildings: sheds and barns, depending on condition, ie, "average", "fair" and "poor" have a rate of $1.00 to $3.00 per square foot.

Land values also are affected by a number of conditions.

Location: a one acre lot in roughly the center of town is worth $5000. In a subdivision it is worth $6500, and $4000 at all other locations. Over one acre, a lot is increased by $500 for each additional acre.

Potential Use: A potential building lot is worth $750/acre. Woodlands (most of New Salem) are worth $300 per acre.

Taxes are also raised on personal property. Income is produced in this area primarily from the Telephone Co., Mass. Electric, and New England Power.

The assessment for the Telephone Co. is by the state and cannot be changed by the towns. The Power Companies had been valued at $178,000. which was supposedly a 100% valuation, for the past five years. The town has hired an independent consultant to review these valuations. Coincidentally, at the same time the Power Companies raised their valuation to $460,000. The consultants came up with a figure of $1,300,000.

Another source of revenue is the MDC, which has been paying the Town $40,000 a year in lieu of taxes. This amount was established when the Quabbin was built and is figured on the basis of land value of $10 per acre. This seems quite a bit out of balance when individuals must pay taxes on the basis of $300 per acre.

New values for homes and properties have now been determined and impact statements have recently been received by all New Salem home and/or property owners. To determine your new tax bill, multiply $18.00 for each $1000 of value.

1982 Taxes	240,000
Total: Land & Buildings	12,000,000
Personal Property (old values)	550,000

Used to pay 40%, Now 10 to 15%

Wendell/New Salem School Committee

The joint New Salem / Wendell School Committee voted on April 1st to present a level funded net budget to the towns. As the Post goes to press the individual town school committees have not committed themselves to their separate budgets.

The combined Swift River net budget for '81-'82 was $188,051 and would be the same for '82-'83. This budget figure rated New Salem / Wendell the third lowest spending school district in the state (down from the 12th in the previous year).

Wendell's estimated share of the budget would be $112,831, approximately 60% of the total. (The number of children from Wendell is approximately 60% of the total enrollment.) New Salem's share would be approximately $75,220. These figures do not include the individual town expenses for Swift River transportation or transportation and tuition for special programs in other districts.

The level funded budget that will be presented is $17,646 less than the original budget proposed by Leonard Lubinsky, Superintendent of Schools. The joint committee has not voted on the line items that represent this reduction at press time.

Some of the line item reductions proposed by Lubinsky to achieve this requested reduction include the elimination of one teacher aide position ($5870 reduction); anticipation of a lower salaried teacher aide ($1153 reduction); the elimination of support for food service ($2000 reduction); reduction in the fuel budget ($1000 reduction from $9300); reduction in art, music and physical education time from 36 weeks to 30 weeks ($2900); elimination of professional library expenses ($100); reduction in inservice training ($150 from $500); reduction in office supplies ($100 from $440); elimination of professional expenses ($100); reduction in kindergarten supplies ($125 from $525); reduction in instructional supplies ($380 from $7650). Wendell / New Salem's share of proposed Union #28 administration costs have already been reduced $1434.

The Wendell / New Salem school committee struggled to reach the vote for a level funded budget proposal. The committee was stalemated on a motion for a 2½% increase. The committee had received a recommendation from the Wendell selectpeople for a level funded budget; the New Salem finance committee had recommended a 2½% increase over last year's budget.

The individual Wendell budget proposed by Lubinsky is approximately $6,412 larger than last year's spending. This is due in part to the town's obligation to meet the educational requirements of two special needs children. This expense was not anticipated in the '81-'82 budget since neither of the children were residents at that time.

The individual New Salem proposed budget is approximately $6000 higher. This is due to increases in elementary transportation costs and special adult transportation expenses no longer being paid by Mahar.

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Bicentennial Vignettes

KIISKWAMO, A NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN
by Emma Cappelluzzo

(In the last installment we left Kiiskwamo stirring the leaves with a stick and musing to himself before he meets with the tribal elders. He is worried about his desire to leave the area to find new hunting grounds before winter sets in. He is afraid to leave his family who will be unprotected without him if he goes west into the land of the flats along the Connecticut River. He is concerned about the Mohawk raids that have increased and the palefaces from the east who are moving rapidly into his hunting grounds. And he is also worried that he will bring shame and dishonor upon his family if he does. Yet, he feels that he must go further west to see if the wildlife and water are as good as they once were here.)

After a few moments he quietly begins to chant his own Mohegan prayer:

From where the wind blows now and forever,
From where the trees reach tall,
Let the Mother of us all speed the sun so we will be warm and comforted.
From oaken leaves let the small fire rise into the early morning blaze of sun.
From where we sit in our circle singing of your praises,
Let the winds blow gently and the tall trees reach you.
Oh, Great Earth Mother and Winter Moon,
Let the fishes leap again for my people.
Let the great bear come again in our valleys.
Let the pronged deer proudly meet me on our paths and let the hunters know good singing and praise once more.
Let the early spring bring hawks to circle and leave feathers for our dance.
Oh, great earth Mother, spirit of the icey waters and blue flame,
help me to find the Mohegan path again.
Let the eagle speak peace with spirits of the frog and yellow-winged birds.
For this is sacred land, a good land, and a bountiful land.
Why can it not be so forever?
Why can it not be so forever?
Help me be a good Mohegan.
Cut the fears from my heart, Oh great Mother.
Help me to persuade the elders they are needed in another place,
that even wise men are sometimes beguiled by treachery as they are beguiled now...
Help me reach the other side, and
let me find the wind that ever blows,
and trees that are green and black and reach tall.
Oh, Great Mother of the earth,
help me be strong,
a good hunter and protector of my people.

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Visit the Wendell Free Library's new addition!

Wendell Free Library Notes

April includes National Library Week, and the Wendell Free Library will be busy celebrating.

On the 18th, we sponsored a prose and poetry reading by local writers, including Mike Tretter and Michael Idoine. This yearly event has an avid following.

Saturday April 24th at 7:30, the Friends of the Library in conjuction with the Wendell Historical Society will present the Wendell Bicentennial Slide Show in the Town Hall. Admission will be 50¢ for adults and 25¢ for children. The proceeds will help offset expenses of preserving town archives in the Historical Society's collection. These items are now being placed in the Library and will become the Library's responsibility. After an inventory is completed by Pat Judice and Tina Cohen, appropriate storeage will be created. There will be access to the collection in the library, and changing displays of various articles.

Plan to join us on Sunday the 25th from 2-4:00 p.m. as we hold our Open House. Festivities include W.C. Fields films, cartoons for children, and home baked refreshments. This is a good opportunity to check out our latest acquisitions, make requests for book purchases, meet the library trustees, and see our newly finished basement reading room.

In May we will show the full-length feature film "Modern Times". This is a 1936 Charlie Chaplin classic of the 'little tramp' confronting the machine age. The film is 90 minutes long, and starts at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 14th in the Library. Admission is free.

In June, there will be a showing of the movie "Paper Moon" starring Ryan and Tatum O'Neal. Watch for posters announcing the date.

Our summer hours are now in effect. They are Tues. 2-4:00 p.m., Wed. 2-4:00 p.m. and 6-8:00 p.m., Sat. 10-noon.

Lou on the Loose

"It takes a joyful sound to make the world go 'round." - Bob Marley

When Bob Marley paraphrased the Bible back in '78, he was singing about music as a universal unifying force, but his words could as easily have related to the singing of the birds in the trees up here in Wendell as the snows finally recede and winter gives way to spring. How joyful and pleased that music is, indeed! Now that winter's finally over, those who make their living primarily in the music world can look back on some positive accomplishments during a season which was lean economically for musicians (and most everyone else not in defense work) in general.

As promised in the Post last issue, Ra records released on March 22 a 45 rpm record with two songs by Judith Ann Marie (aka Judy Bauman). Jeff, Judy and Loose Caboose would like to thank everyone in Wendell who has lent support to this project. Forward we go! Both sides of the record have been played frequently by the good people of WRSI(95.3 FM) in Greenfield and WMUA (91.1) in Amherst, and also on WERS in Boston, WHUS in Connecticut, and a station on the island of St. Croix. This bodes well for future Wendell Studio recording projects.

The Studio has, in its less than three years existance, produced in addition to Judith's 45, a demo tape which helped Loose Caboose secure an invitation to record in Jamaica, and an excellent tape of original music by valley singer/composer Julia Burrough. That tape, entitled "Demons and Dreams" is available on cassette in local stores, as is Judy's record. Producer Jeff Bauman sees many projects on the horizon at the Studio, including more works with Judith, Julia and Loose Caboose. As a recent cover story in the Valley Advocate proclaimed, small record labels are a force on the rise in the national music industry and Ra Records definitely has its place in this trend.

Speaking of the national scene, local musician/sound technician John "Klondike" Koehler of Klondike Sound heads for New Orleans to mix all the right time shows at the New Orleans Jazz Festival for the 5th consecutive year. Just coming off a very successful Boston Globe Jazz Festival in March, he'll be working with some of the greats in rythymn and blues, jazz, blues, cajun and reggae at that intensive cultural event which spans many decades and cultures in its presentation of, to name a few, Fats Domino, B.B. King, Rita Marley (Bob's wife and singing partner), Doctor John and Spyro Gyro. Anyone planning a spring vacation trip South should definitely swing into this festival which takes place April 30 - May 9.

Closer to home we can look forward to a night in Outerspace when the legendary Astronuts touch down at the Warwick Inn on or around June 4th. The Spacemen are literally light years ahead of the run-of-the-millclone/dieck rock bands that are big on the club and concert scenes these days, so don't miss your chance for a musical close encounter with these earthlings, who mostly inhabit the Planet of the Big Apple these days with the exception of bassist Klon, sound man Don Pugh (both from Wendell) and drummer Chuck Kubick who's recovering from a recent appendectomy but will be there. Go there!

Loose Caboose, too, has a few area shows planned for the warmer weather. The regae/rockers will be in Concord, N.H. with Boston's No. 1 Reggae band Zion Initation at the Capitol Theatre on April 23rd. Sunday, May 2nd will find them back at Jonathan Swift's in Cambridge and on Saturday May 8th Caboose will participate in an outdoor reggae festival at the Deerfield Drive-In in South Deerfield. Featured along with Caboose will be the reggae bands Monyaka from New York and Ital from Cleveland, Ohio. Weather permitting this will be one fun day of music sun, food and good vibes. Check the Valley Advocate for details. Rain date is May 9th.

In other local news, singer/composer, Debbie Fier travelled to a Boston studio in late February with several musicians to record an LP's worth of original music, which she hopes to release soon. Blues singer Perry Howarth took his rocking trio into the valley for some mid-winter dates and hopes to do more soon. And Wendellites can look forward to some outdoor live music here in town at Wendell Olde Home Days. Here's wishing us all a joyful spring! Til next time, make a joyful noise! Love, Lou

Note: Not mentioned, but not forgotten is the David Mallet/Steven Schoenberg Concert put on by Klondike Homefront Productions. Improvisations by pianist Steven Schoenberg were a special delight. See next month for a spotlight on this man and his music.

Selectmen's Minutes

TOWN HALL

February 2, 1982

The minutes of the Jan.19th meeting were approved with the following ommission noted; Voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 416 Section 2 of the Acts of 1980.

Cheryl Richardson, or the Mahar Rep., asked the Board what type of budget limitations were they going to request of the schools this year. The Board instructed her to use her own judgement presently. They might have better guidelines by the end of the month.

Discussed the withdrawing of the resignation by Hwy. Surveyor Joseph Williams. Selectman Simos and Boland agree with the action taken. Selectman Lewis disagrees.

The Board took no action on a petition signed by 58 residents, requesting an investigation into the competency of the Hwy. Surveyor. No action was taken by the Board on many complaints against Hwy. Surveyor Joseph Williams brought in by one Highway Dept. employee and Selectman Lewis. Ted Lewis suggested that Highway Surveyor Joseph Williams resign immediately. Joseph Williams submitted a report in writing concerning an incident on Davis Turn Road on January 27, 1982(original in minutes book).

In other business, the Board voted Judith Putnam a Special Municipal Employee.

Chairman Lewis reported that he had received a telephone call from Attorney John Dolan concerning the condition of Old Farley Rd. leading to the Bourbeau residence. Ted instructed Attorney Dolan to contact our Town Counsel John Gates on this.

February 16, 1982

The minutes of the Feb. 2nd meeting were signed by Selectman Lewis only. Selectmen Simos and Boland did not feel that these were representative of the events that occurred. Niether volunteered any corrections.

Voted to proclaim Thursday, April 22, 1982 to be celebrated as Girl Scout Leader's Day.

Sandra Bardsley requested that a public hearing be held by the Board on the petition that was submitted earlier, concerning the competency of the Highway Surveyor. The Board replied by scheduling a hearing to be held at the Town Hall on Friday, Feb. 26, 1982 at 6:30 P.M. This will preceed the Special Town Meeting.

The Board agreed to ask the Swift River School Committee to level fund the total school budget for fiscal year 1983. Even with this, Wendell will probably face an increase because of increased enrollment.

The Board voted NO on a request by Clark Higgins to use the Town Hall piano for practice

Chairman Lewis informed the Board and Hwy. Surveyor about two complaints that he received last week, about road conditions and action of the Highway Surveyor.

Sandra Bardsley stated that her intent for a public hearing was that a lot of people were concerned. A general discussion of actions that might be taken concerning the position of Highway Surveyor followed (election of a Board of Road Commissioners, etc.).

The Board members are to attend the Finance Committee Meeting tonight.

February 23, 1982

An emergency meeting was requested by Selectman Simos for the purpose of selecting an interim Highway Surveyor because of the resignation of Joseph Williams on Monday.

Chairman Lewis stated that after learning of the resignation, he went to the Garage and asked Bradley Merchant to stay on and take charge until an appointment is made. Chairman Lewis further stated that he would not consider appointing anyone until the Board had a chance to interview all candidates. Selectman Simos said that an appointment should be made tonight. He was ready to vote and did not feel that any interviews were necessary. Selectman Boland stated that he felt that interviews were in order. Set interviews for Tuesday, March 2nd at 7:45 P.M. Clerk will notify candidates.

Selectman Simos then questioned Chairman Lewis as to what authority he was acting under when he re-instated Kenneth Wing as a part-time employee of the Highway Dept. Ted stated that he had learned Sunday that Hwy. Surveyor Joseph Williams had called Wing's house Sunday and left a message (Ken was at church) that Kenneth was fired and should not report to work anymore. Ted further stated that this was no way to handle this. The hiring of Mr. Wing as an employee was done by agreement of the Board of Health, Board of Selectmen and Highway Surveyor and that if there is a problem, all should be involved in the solution.

A heated discussion along these lines continued until Selectman Boland offered the following motion: "Pending investigation for cause for firing, Kenneth Wing is retained as a part-time employee until findings". Seconded by Ken Simos. Vote: Boland and Simos in the affirmative, Lewis abstained.

Board of Health member Lincoln Soule informed the Board that the dump compactor and hauling contract must be renewed this year.

March 2, 1982

Forrest CArey was appointed inspector of animals.

After investigating the accident between the fire truck and a motor vehicle, while the fire truck was responding to a fire, on Montague Rd. on Wed. Feb. 24, 1982, the Board and Police Chief felt the driver did all that he could to avoid an accident with the vehicle.

Set Town Meeting and Election: Election - Monday, May 3rd, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Business Meeting - Saturday, May 8th, 10:00 a.m

Revenue Sharing Hearing. Requests: 1)Fire Dept.-up to $5000 new equipment, 2)Police Dept. up to $2000 new radios, 3)Repair Highway Dept. Truck-up to $6000, 4)Town Garage-up to $24,000, 5)Dog Officer-portable kennels up to $2000.

Selectman Lewis and Boland interviewed candidates for Temp. Hwy. Surveyor. Candidates present and interviewed were Donald Richardson, Thomas Bardsley, Donald Mackie, and Kenneth Win Ed Boland nominated Thomas Bardsley, Ted Lewis nominated Donald Richardson. Ken Simos stated that he felt that one of the Board of Selectmen should be the Highway Surveyor and then pick a Road Superintendent. Discussed the merits of Ken's proposal. Ken seconded Ed's nomination of Thomas Bardsley. Appointed Thomas Bardsley Temporary Highway Surveyor until May 3, 1982.

The investigation of Kenneth Wing will be continued until March 16, 1982.

March 16, 1982

Chairman Lewis asked Hwy. Surveyor Tom Bardsley for a report on the 1976 Ford truck that is at Spencer Bros. Tom reported that #1 Wrist Pin is damaged and that the motor needs a complete repair.

Discussed were three alternatives; 1)rebuild the present engine, approx. cost $1000 for parts $500 for labor. 2)purchase a factory rebuilt engine, $2500 for the engine $150 for labor. 3) purchase a new engine, 6 to 8 week delivery, $3300 to $3500 engine $150 for labor.

Tom recommended the purchase of a new engine The Board agreed and instructed Tom to have a new engine installed, also a new clutch.

Joe Diemand presented the board with two petitions 1) requesting the annual business meeting to be held on a Tuesday evening, 2)requesting the annual meeting to be held on a Saturday. No action taken

Hwy. Surveyor Tom Bardsley informed the Board that the town loader needs 2 new tires. The Chairman will let him know later if and when this purchase can be made.

Tom stated that the planks for the Farley Bridge should be in next week.

Discussed the mess left on cross road where it meets Millers Falls opposite the Diemand Egg Farm... Chm. Lewis is going to try to make personal contact with the logger and give him notice that the road must be repaired. When weather conditions are right he will be given 7 days to make the necessary repairs.

Hearing on the firing and re-hiring of Kenneth Wing. Slm. Ken Simos stated that it is his understanding that Mr. Wing was fired by the former Hwy. Surv. and re-hired by Chm. Lewis with no loss of work time by Mr. Wing. He further stated that he would like Mr. Wing reinstated with a public reprimand, but Mr. Simos does not want to review the circumstances of the firing.
Kenneth Wing stated that he is innocent of any wrong doings and doesn't like Mr. Simos' actions.

Chm. Lewis stated that he would like to forget the whole situation.

Slm. Simos asked Chm. Lewis what were his feelings? Chm. Lewis stated that in his opinion, former Hwy. Surv. Joseph Williams was awrong in the way that he handled the situation, that too much time elapsed between the alleged offenses and when the action.

Slm. Boland stated that the Board should issue a stern warning to all employees that if there is any dissatisfaction within a department that it should be brought to the full board at once.

Ed would also like to forget this matter. The Board will take no action. Voted 3-0.

Hwy. Surv. Bardsley stated that he feels that all personnel problems should be handled in private, not open meetings.

Tom's concerns were discussed by the board. It was hoped that a situation like this will never occur again.

Kenneth Wing stated his feelings on this matter to the Board.

Hwy. Surv. Bardsley inquired about closing roads due to mud conditions. The procedure adopted was that as roads need closing Tom will authorize the closure of the road if needed.

Instructed the clerk to include a town meeting warrant article to install new shelves in the Town Hall vault.

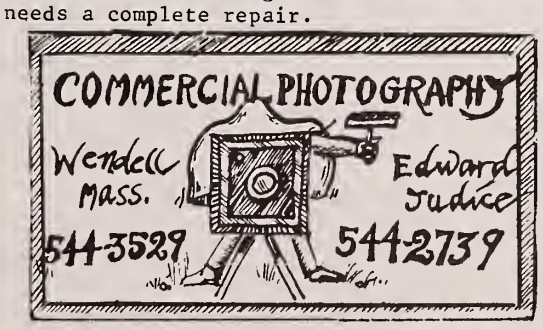
Ad,. Asst. Rita Farrell met with the Board to discuss several matters:

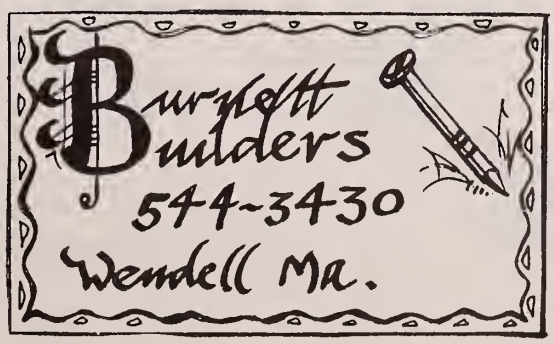
1. The present FRTA service to the Town.
2. The purchase of a "Road Stripper" by County.
3. A proposed personnel policy. This will be reviewed at a later date.

The Board instructed Clerk Harry Williston to contact Brenda Vincent about the condition of the Town Hall and the lack of leaving the required deposit with the custodian before using the hall for a public dance. If there is any objection a rep. from the Rural Arts Council should attend the next Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry S. Williston III
Clerk





Posting Place

CONTRA DANCE

Due to the excellent attendance at the March 12th Contra Dance, the Wendell-New Salem Rural Arts Program has decided to host a series on the 4th Friday of each month. The schedule is April 23, May 28, and June 25. They will be at 8:00 in the Wendell Town Hall. Proceeds go toward putting on cultural events and workshops for children at the Swift River School.

CONCERT

Benefit Concert for MASS ALERT, featuring Cindy Kallet, with special guests, Steven Schoenberg, Shane Devine and Al Schackman. Emcee'd by Sam Lovejoy at Sage Hall in Smith College, April 25th at 8:00 p.m.

ART EXHIBIT

Reflections: An exhibit of miniature watercolors by Kate Angell at the Frame Shop Gallery, 18 Main Street, Amherst, Mass. April 30 through May 28, 1982.

ADULT EVENING COURSES

The Wendell New Salem Rural Arts Program has extended the registration deadline for its mini evening courses:

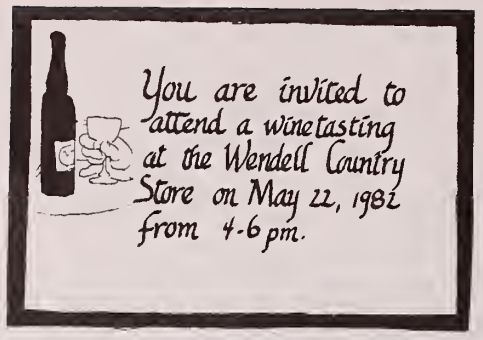
"Bicycle Workshop" on April 29, and
"English Country Dance" on April 29, May 6 & 13.

For more information, pick up a brochure at the Post Offices or call Brenda at 4-3981.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

On Mother's Day, May 9th, Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament is sponsoring "A Meeting on Common Ground" which will be a large gathering on the Boston Common. The purpose of the gathering is to inform people about the necessity of nuclear disarmament in an infromal setting and to celebrate life. There will be clowns, musical events, information booths and concessions, so the atmosphere will lend itself to families as well as individuals. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Helen Caldicott who will talk about the medical consequences of a nuclear war. The gathering will begin at 1:00 p.m., with events and speakers scheduled from 2:00 to 4:00.

It seems that at a time when the threat of a nuclear holocaust looms about us, we should begin to take a more active role in our efforts to bring about peace. Please think about celebrating Mother's Day in this special way - gathering together to become better informed and more active to achieve nuclear disarmament. Call Steven or Jane Schoenberg for information about travel arrangements. Jimi's "Rainbow Bus" will be available. Call 544-7532 for further details.



OLD HOME DAY

Plans for Old Home Day are under way! The Old Home Day Committee has been getting together every three weeks to organize events and to brain storm new ideas for the 1982 celebration.

We've choosen Saturday, July 10th, as the Old Home Day date, and you'll be pleased to know that the Outer Space Band will once again be playing in the afternoon. We've also hired "Henry Brown the Clown" from Northampton to perform and delight both young and old. He's known to juggle, stiltwalk, rollerskate, and loves to "jus' clown around"!

This year's sponsers are the Wendell Fire Dept. and The Wendell Post. There are booth spaces available to display your hobbies, collections, arts, crafts, special interests, and goods. We encourage displays and demonstrations of your particular skill, (example: potters wheel---anyone out there?) or special interests, (you'll get to check out a hang glider this year!)

We need help with everything from planning events to the "day's end" clean-up crew. If you have any ideas and are willing to help, please call Annie Diemand at 544-7347, or Lisa Aubin at 544-7636.

Oh yes, please remember to support the Old Home Day Committee's Bake Sale at the Town Hall on Election Day, Monday, May 3rd!

Births

On January 26th, 1982, born to Phyllis Brooks and Jimi Two Feathers (Miller), 3:10 p.m. at home on Montague Road, baby boy, 9lbs. 1½ oz. Name, Daren Wingati Two Feathers.

Anthony Michael Patnode was born on Feb. 28, 1982 at 1:32 p.m. at Franklin Countuy Hospital. Congratulations to Michael and Jacqueline Pratt Patnode of New Salem Road.

Liam Chester Meade Cohen was born Feb. 28, 1982 at 11:38 a.m. at the Cooley Dickinson Hospital. Congratulations to Bruce and Tina Meade Cohen of Lockes Village Rd.

Wendell Democratic Committee

The Wendell Town Democrats will hold a meeting on May 1st at 7:30 pm at the home of Don Pugh on Locke Hill #1. At this time the Democrats will discuss Democratic State Convention plans and political trends. Wine & cheese will be served. All registered Wendell Democrats are invited. Contact Joe Diemand (544-6670) or Myron Becker (544-2086) for further info.

Because of the business nature of the meeting, parents are encouraged to find child care. Child care will also be provided by prior arrangement. Please call Myron.

Land Transfers

1/5/82 Thomas A. & Virginia Barnes to Robert M. & Nancy Hogerheide. 6 Acres, New Salem Rd.

1/7/82 Robert M. & Nancy Hogerheide to Kenneth E. & Colleen Sullivan. 3 Acres, New Salem Rd.

1/25/82 A. Parker & Dorothy G. Cleveland to David Walsh and Kathleen Nolan. 5.5 Acres on Moosehorn Road.

1/25/82 A. Parker & Dorothy G. Cleveland , David M. Walsh and Kathleen Nolan to A. Parker & Dorothy G. Cleveland. 6 Acres on Moosehorn Rd.

2/1/82 Alfred H. Haskins to Conn. River Watershed Council. Release of timber rts.

2/12/82 Lois H. Johnson Ellsworth to Morin, Marilyn Alma Miller. West side of Wendell Depot Rd.

2/22/82 Frank J. Culley and Margaret McDonald Culley to Donald E. Chappell and Virginia Caputo and Gerald Eide. Two tracts on the north side of Jennison Rd.

3/12/82 Chester E. Clark to Linda M. Alger. West side of Wendell Depot Rd.

3/17/82 Dennis Paguette and Philip L. Phillips and Karol Jamrock, Jr. to David R. Macarthy and Alexandria L. Buckowski.

3/19/82 Robert E. Ballou and Winona A. Ballou to Dale C. Kowacki. East side of Locks Village Rd.

FIRE LOG

2/25/82 Pfohl residence. Chimney fire.

3/27/82 Peterson residence, West Rd., Barn fire

NOTE: Agricultural Fire Permits. The last day for a fire permit is May 1. Hours of burning are from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Call 544-6951 or 544-3494 to get a permit on the day you plan to burn.

POLICE LOG

2/6/82 Break at camp of Pasquales. Nothing taken.

2/13/82 Bob Leet reported tools stolen from van

2/25/82 Car/fire truck accident on Montague Rd.

2/28/82 Dean Bennett reported his snow mobil stolen from Mt. Mineral.

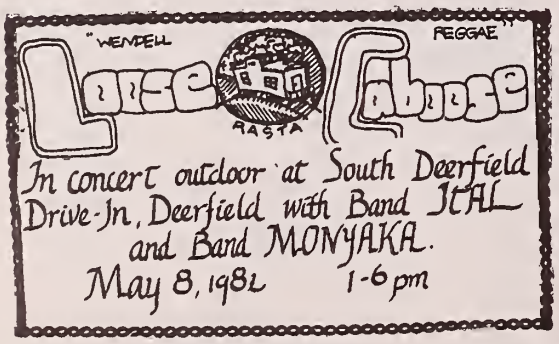
3/6/82 Two car accident on Montague Rd.

3/9/82 Break at Fluhardy camp on Cooleyville Rd. Nothing taken.

3/17/82 Two car accident on Farley Rd.

4/2/82 One car accident on Depot Hill. One subject arrested for driving under the influence.

4/3/82 Stolen car recovered on Depot Hill.



REWARD $500

for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the poisoning of dogs belonging to Anne Zak and Maggie Houghton on Locks Village Road, Wendell.

Call: Linda Fidnick (413) 549-3505.

New Salem Posting

Town Meeting

The Annual town meeting will be held in June again this year. The date will be Monday, June 21 at 7:30 p.m. Because the meeting has been moved back, the town warrant has yet to be completed and released. Watch for details concerning the articles on the warrant in the Wendell Post's next issue.

Town elections will still be held on the first Monday in May which is May 3rd. Polls will open at 11:45 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. at the town hall. A list of the candidates running is as follows:

1 year positions
Town Moderator - Robert Henderson
Town Clerk - Helen Wetherby
Town Treasurer - Arlene Dempsey Hunt
Tax Collector - Helen Wetherby
Auditor - Ward Huntington

2 year positions
School Committee - Pamela DeGregorio

3 year positions
School Committee - Nona King
Assessor - Paul McGuiness
Selectman - Martin Fallon Jr.
Library Trustee - Robert E. Harris III
Jane Marshall
Board of Health - Claire Klement

5 year position
Planning Board - Theodore Voutselas

New Salem Library

South Main Street
Open: Wed. 10-8
Sat. 9-2
544-6437

The "Computer Day" at the Library in March was a huge success with over 200 persons attending the demonstrations. Many thanks to Jack Jewett, Michael Jewett and David Cramer for their participation and use of their computers.

The Library will sponsor a Katherine Hepburn and Humphrey Bogart film, The African Queen, May 7th, Friday evening. The film will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be free-of-charge to the public.

The children's film program continues to run the first Wednesday evening of the month, at 7:00 p.m. The May 5th program is Mowglis Brother and Paddle to the Sea.

The Library is open Wed. 10 to 8 and Sat. 9 to 2.

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Swift River School's 5-6 grade

Carnival

10~3 May 8

Swift River Notes

The fifth and sixth grades of Swift River are planning a Carnival on May 8th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to raise money for their trip to The Hulbert Outdoor Center in June. They still need to raise $600 and plan to do this with the carnival and a raffle. The drawing for the raffle will be held at the conclusion of the carnival.

Many activities are being planned. There will be booths with games and prizes a bake sale, a tag sale and a basket sale. There will also be food for sale for lunch. All the students are busy planning the booths. They will be operating them with help from parents and teachers.

Adult volunteers are needed in order to make the fair a success. Anyone interested in helping at the fair should contact Nancy Gregg or Judy Salpeter at Swift River (544-6926). Donations to the tag sale are also needed. Small items can be brought or sent in anytime; large items can be brought to the school between Wednesday May 5th and Saturday morning May 8th, before the carnival.

Please plan to attend and have fun while helping us with our trip.

Love you, Lynn.

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On Being Healthy

Maryvonne Kutsch

Are you concerned about your weight? If you go to a book store and look at the diet section you will know that you are not alone. For now I will not dwell on the mythologies which have led us to this diet madness or to the dangers which are inherent in major changes of one's eating habits but will offer some insight on the matter of calories.

A calorie is basically an amount of energy and when you are counting calories in the interest of losing weight you are actually trying to reduce the amount of energy (or calories) that you are taking in so that you can reduce the sizes of the energy stores (fat) with your normal daily activity. In other words it is just a matter of energy balance. If you cannot burn the excess calories that you take in the body will store them as extra weight.

There are many people who say that the body has its own ideas about weight, or specifically energy balance. I'm sure that anyone who has tried to lose or gain a large amount of weight would agree. In fact there have been many experiments with humans as well as with laboratory animals which show that the body has precise mechanisms which regulate the energy process.

If you ingest 100 calories (one unbuttered English muffin or one shredded wheat biscuit or one tablespoon of butter) per day without adding any extra activity you can expect to gain ten pounds in one year. But think of it this way: If you cut out something every day and run around some more (half of the problem is that most people cut down on their activity after twent-five) you are bound to lose some fat. The libraries, book stores and supermarkets are full of books with the caloric content of foods, but I will say again ;that it seems fruitless and dangerous to try and lose or gain large amounts of weight in a short amount of time. More on this later...

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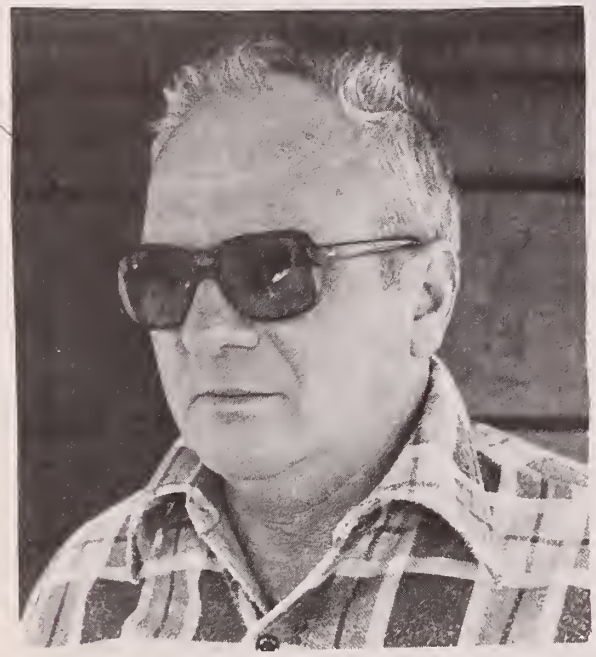
Wendell to Elect Town Officials

Elections of Wendell Town officials will be held Monday, May 3, 1982. The polls will be open from 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

The following is a list of the candidates for election. Each candidate was given the opportunity to make a statement to the "Wendell Post" readership. Candidates had the choice of making their own statement or of working with an interviewer, with the final statement being subject to their approval. Candidates running opposed were encouraged to be photographed in addition to their statement.

Selectman

3 Year Term



THEODORE E. LEWIS West St. Incumbant

Ted Lewis has been a selectman for 12 years. He has been a public servant in Wendell since 1954. Ted likes being on the Board of Selectmen for a number of reasons. One reason is he likes to talk with people, to discuss things and to be able to help them.

He feels the town is going through changes now. Having to deal with 2½, Boston and many other things are creating hard times for us. He thinks that as an experienced selectman he can help the town through this rough period. He would like to see people get involved in other committees before running for the selectboard, to get to really know the town and how it runs.

Ted remembers when people knew one another and helped each other. He would like to see that happen again and thinks it can. There are some things in town that need changing. Communication between departments and committees and the selectboard is one thing he wants improvement on. It is a very important aspect of our government and one that needs work badly.

When asked why he still wants to be a Selectman, Ted shrugged his shoulders and said, "I really like the town and am glad for the time I've been involved."

MYRON J. BECKER Locke Hill Rd.

My decision to run for the office of Selectman comes from a desire to serve the town that I have lived in for ten years. It is a notion that I have entertained on and off for a few years. Personally I feel ready now to take on this responsibility.

The decision to run against Mr. Lewis does not reflect a lack of respect for his many years of experience and dedication. Rather, my decision comes because I believe that free choice and the opportunity for change are healthy and invigorating for the town.

I believe we need to change the make-up of the Selectboard. Although the factual knowlege of the present Selectboard is vast, the decision making processes have been badly crippled by the formation of intense interpersonal attitudes.

I believe the most important talent that I can bring to the Board is the ability to maintain a perspective. This ability allows me to deal with conflict without becoming embroiled in it. Conflict is unavoidable, but the Selectboard must keep in mind what it is there for, and that is to govern and make decisions in the best interest of the people who live in the town. I consider myself to be a person who can relate easily to people from many different walks of life. I do not plan to represent only certain social segments of Wendell's population. I have a keen sense of justice and will work toward maintaining open lines of communication with the people.

My major ocncerns for the Town of Wendell are that the Town be run as a business; that the Town of Wendell be maintained as a community where folks of moderate means can afford to live; where the environment, both natural and man-made, be conducive to healthy living; and where the dictates of the larger state do not negatively infringe on our lifestyles.

For those who do not already know me, a bit of personal information. I am 38 years old. Professionally I am a counselor with a degree in psychology from U. Mass. I have lived in Wendell and owned land here since 1972. In that time I have established personal aquaintance with almost all of the people involved in the administration of the town. I am married, with no children and live on Locks Hill Rd. My interests are fishing, hunting, environmental concerns, cooking, and playing music.

Please get out and vote May 3rd. The town government affects you personally .

Assessor

3 Year Term

JESSIE E. WETHERBY Morse Village Rd.
Incumbant

After her first three years term as assesor, Jesse Wetherby says, "I've learned a lot even though I have a lot to learn.

The regulations mandated by the Mass. Dept. of Revenue are complex and often difficult to decipher. Prop 2½, designed to cut taxes, has made the assessors work even more complex. As a result she feels that most of the 'assessors' problems come from finding ways to deal with the State."

Among unfinished business is the court-ordered 100% valuation of all property within the town. Generally price reached between a willing buyer and a willing seller. But Wetherby says 'there are no absolutes. It's very contradictory and that's all there is to it. There is no guarantee that similar houses will sell for similar prices."

She says, "The State hasn't been too harsh considering we're behind on the 100% valuation. The values on the houses are some where near." But Wetherby explains, "The land values are a problem. Right now all land is taxed at the same rate, because it can't be classified until the 100% valuation is completed."

Mrs. Wetherby is looking forward to having a tax map to solve a number of problems, particularly the valuation of land. The Dept of Revenue considers essential in a 100% valuation plan.

As the valuations are adjusted the tax burden will shift, but she says, "I hope it won't put an unfair burden an anyone." For all the work, she is running for another three year term and explains, "I am ready for the job."

School Committee

3 Year Term

CHERYL R. RICHARDSON Locke Hill Rd.
Incumbant

I have enjoyed working on the Mahar School Committee for the past three years. I would like to continue working on that committee as I have three children that will be attending Mahar in the fall.

Last year, we made severe cuts in the Mahar program, due to Prop. 2½. But due to increased revenue, were able to re-instate most programs and teachers plus return $5000 to the Town of Wendell.

This year, we have had level funding for the budget plus are in the process of being accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. for 10 years from 1981-1991.

I am proud to have served on the Mahar Board and hope I will be able to in the next three years, if I am re-elected to School Committee.

School Committee

1 Year Term

SANDRA BARDSLEY Wendell Depot Rd. Incumbant

I really have enjoyed the school committee job. Especially interesting to me is the budget process. I would like to stay on the Swift River School Committee for another term. My eventual goal is to run for a 3 year term.

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Library Trustee 3 Year Term

CHRISTINE COHEN Locks Village Rd. Incumbant

Declined comment.

Library Trustee 3 Year Term

LAUREL WILSON Farley Rd. Incumbant

I have enjoyed working on the Board of Trustees and am looking forward to be able to put more time into the library.

Board of Health 3 Year Term

Sticker Candidate
David Walsh
Jennison Road

Cemetary Commissioner

3 Year Term

THOMAS BARDSLEY Locks Village Rd.

Incumbant

Declined Comment

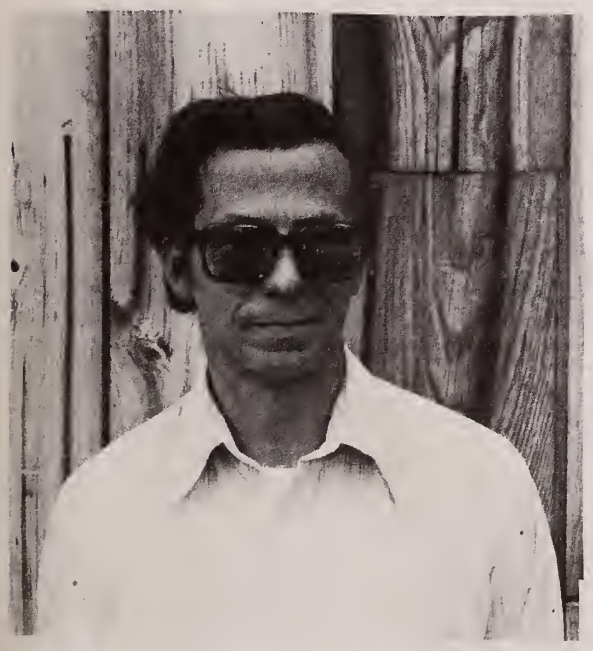
Planning Board 5 Year Term

PATRICIA A. JEWLER New Salem Rd.

Declined comment

Highway Surveyor

1 Year Term (to fill vacancy)



THOMAS M. BARDSLEY Locks Village Rd.

I am presently Acting Road Boss. My commitment to the job is strong. I feel I am qualified and am looking forward to acting on ideas I have that would get the Highway Dept. back up to where it should be.

People ask me what I would promise as Road Boss. I can only promise that I would do the best job for the town that I can. If people have a problem, I would want them to call me up so that we can talk. Talking it out is the only way a problem can be solved. There are 48 miles of road in town, and we can't be everywhere at once. I want people to be able to call up if they have a problem and let us know.

I think record-keeping is a very important part of the job of road boss. This is something that has never really been done in the past. I would like to see Inventory Control on all parts - an up-dated list of all items on hand; how many lights, oil filters, plow blades and so on. Items that we see we use should be in stock. In the heart of the last big storm, two trucks broke down. If the parts had been on hand, the trucks could have been right back out again.

A regular Schedule of Purchasing should be set up so that we order according to special need, such as extra sand if a storm is coming up, or on a regular schedule of use. We don't want to stockpile such huge quantities of sand or salt that we can't store it properly so it gets contaminated or leached out on to the ground. And we don't want to get stuck with oil filters to a truck we don't have anymore.

Establishing a continous Regular Maintenance Program on the vehicles is also important. All the maintenance should be recorded A great deal of money has been spent this year on trucks. It's important to have the trucks on a regular maintenance schedule of greasing and oiling to keep them up.

Advance work schedules should made up so the men can get right out after the projects, not be wondering what they will be doing each day when they come to work. People in town want to see the men working, the equipment going.

Communication between the Selectmen, the Finance Committee, the Road Boss and the townspeople is so important. I think it's handy to have the extra knowlege from someone who can look at the Inventory Control of the Highway Dept. and relate it to the finances of the town and give advice.

Personally, I'd like to see the Road crew be connected to the Fire Dept. These men are in town during the day when help is so scarce. It's good to have someone around who is trained in CPR and First Aid.

I also believe that it is important to give highway work to the people in town. People hired out on the roads should be residents to keep our tax dollars in town.

We're going into a new work budget now. We've got bridge work coming up. There is Chpt. 90 money to do some big projects. The back roads need a lot of work. To get back to where they should be, the back roads need ditching and culverts.

I know I'm up for the job. I've lived all my life in Wendell. I know the roads and the people. I have my Class II license and my DPU license. I have experience on the roads that goes back to when I was a kid in high school working on the roads. The last 2½ years I've worked plowing for Wendell. In the factory and more recently I have supervised men, made project and work schedules, and have been responsible for record keeping and budgeting. I've manufactured machines from scratch from a blue print, including cutting and welding. I'm versatile. I'm a hard worker who isn't afraid to get out from behind the wheel and into the mud when its necessary. I'm able to work long hours on end when storms come.

I have worked with many different men on the roads. When storms come, politics does not matter. Men work together to push the snow aside and let people through. I hope my ideas are thought about no matter what happens at the election.

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DONALD RICHARDSON Locke Hill Rd.

I've lived in town for thirteen years. The last four years I've worked driving trucks for L & F Construction in Leverett. I've also worked part-time for Wendell plowing snow during bad storms.

If elected Highway Surveyor I will arrange a regular maintenance program for all the equipm ent because it is very expensive and should be taken care of. I like working with the equipment and know how to take care of it.

I feel I am a sensible, reliable person and can fill the position. I also feel it's important to have good communication between the road boss and selectmen.

I wouldn't have the road crew do anything I wouldn't do myself and I'll work right with them until the job is done. Some of the things I would like to do are keep the town looking better by straightening out the cement posts (Wendell Depot Rd. is especially noticeable to me) and the up keep of the side of the roads. The dirt roads need processed gravel and grading. I don't feel it's necessary to tar the dirt roads. Another important thing is the town garage and the grounds around it need repair and upkeep. The salt shed is a disaster and needs some thing done about it.

I've lived in town since 1969 and plan to be here for quite some time. I hope you feel I am qualified for the job and vote for me.

J. MILTON WILDER Wendell Depot Rd.
Declined comment.

Auditor 1 Year Term

JOHN PIKIELL Stone Road Incumbant

I have enjoyed the position of Auditor. I like the job and want to work at it for the next term.

Moderator 1 Year Term

MICHAEL IDOINE Locks Village Rd. Incumbant

I have just been a year at the job of moderator and consequently feel that I've only gotten my feet wet. I am looking forward to finding ways to make Town Meeting more effective for all the numbers.

During this learning process I've had a lot of help. Particularly Anna Hartjens, Town Clerk, has helped me keep procedures and my memory straight. The Selectboard and Finance Committee have both been cooperative in giving me information that was indespensible for being prepared for meetings.

My major disappointment has been Town Meeting attendance. Well attended meetings and well prepared participants are the only way Town Meetings can be fair and representative.

In this day when even small town government can be complex, the Town Meeting provides access for its members to real democracy.

Tree Warden 1 Year Term

DANIEL BACIGALUPO Posk Place Rd. Incumbant

Election
Monday, May 3, 1982
10 am - 8 pm

Wendell Town Warrant

Annual Town Meeting
Sat., May 8, 1982 10am
Pre-town meeting
May 4
7:30 pm.

ELECTION, MONDAY, MAY 3, 1982 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Article 1: To choose all on one ballot one (1) Selectman, one (1) Assessor, two (2) School Committee Members, two (2) Library Trustees, one (1) Board of Health Member, one (1) Cemetery Commissioner, one (1) Planning Board Member for three (3) years; one (1) Highway Surveyor for one (1) year to fill vacancy; one (1) Auditor, one (1) Moderator, one (1) Tree Warden for one (1) year, or take any action thereon.

Article 2: Question 1. Vote for one (1). Which would you prefer for your annual town meeting? Weekday evenings_____ or Saturday Daytime_____.

THE BUSINESS MEETING FOR ACTION ON ARTICLES 3 thru 24 SHALL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 8, 1982 at 10.00 A.M.

Article 3: To hear the report of Town Officials, or take any action thereon.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1982 in accordance with the provisions of Mass. General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Mass. General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or take any action thereon.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to fix the Salary and Compensation of all elected and appointed officials of the Town for the financial year beginning July 1, 1982, as provided in Section 108, Chapter 41, of Mass. General Laws, as amended and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray such Salaries and Expenses for that period, or take any action thereon.

'81-'82	'82-'83 Request	Fin. Com. Rec.
($401,569)	($424,994)	($418,146)

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum from the Overlay Reserve Account to the Reserve Account or take any action thereon.

($ 5,000) ($ 5,000) ($ 5,000)

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend the sum of $12,265.00 or such other sum that may be made available from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Public Works for Fiscal 1983 Chapter 90 type Construction, and to authorize the Selectmen to enter into contracts relative thereto, and to raise and appropriate or appropriate such sums as may be needed, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

($ 27,539) $ 12,265) ($ 12,265)

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend the sum of $1,250.00, specified as "Direct State Aid to Public Libraries," from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or take any action thereon.

RECOMMENDED

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money for payment of Principal and Interest of the New Salem / Wendell Union School Bond or take any action thereon.

($ 34,608) ($ 33,166) ($ 33,166)

Article 10: To see if the Town of Wendell will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money as the Town's share of the Shared Administrative Assistant Program, to accept any other funds as may be available to support said program during fiscal year 1983, and to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a coooperative agreement as prescribed by GL Chapter 40, Section 4A for the program's adminstration and management or take any action in relation thereto.

($ 2,350) ($ 4,000) ($ 4,000)

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money for the Stabilization Fund, or take any action thereon.

($ 10,000) ($ 10,000) ($ 10,000)

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money to have the Town Financial Records Audited, or take any action thereon.

(000) ($ 5,600) ($ 5,600)

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money to have a Tax Map made, or take any action thereon.

(000) ($ 11,200) ($ 11,200)

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate FREE CASH or appropriate a sum of money for Town Hall Furnishings or take any action thereon.

(000) ($ 200) (000)

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money for purchasing and installing shelves in the Town Vault, or take any action thereon.

($ 1,000) ($ 150)

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds a sum of money to purchase Radio Equipment for the Police Department, or take any action thereon.

($ 2,000) ($ 2,000)

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds a sum of money to purchase Equipment for the Fire Department, or take any action thereon.

($ 5,000) (000)

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds a sum of money to purchase Portable Kennels for the Dog Officer, or take any action thereto.

($ 2,000) ($ 2,000)

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds a sum of money for the planning, purchase of property and construction of a new Town Garage / Fire Station, or take any action thereto.

($ 32,000) ($ 28,000)

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to endorse the following resolution:

Because it is impossible to defend against nuclear war, in the interest of national security, be it resolved that the Wendell Town Meeting

1) Calls upon the President of the United States to propose to the U.S.S.R. that together, both countries negotiate an immediate halt to the nuclear arms race. Specifically, we call upon each country to adopt an immediate mutual freeze on all further testing, production and deployment of all nuclear warheads, missiles and delivery systems; and,

2) Calls upon the Administration and the Congress to transfer the funds saved to civilian use. Concurrently, they should work jointly with labor, management and local communities to develop plans to convert the nuclear arms industry to civilian production, thus protecting jobs and strengthening our national economy.

We hereby call upon our elected officials at the local, state, and federal levels to publicly endorse this resolution.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to accept the following by-law: Any land other than agricultural or domestic, including the State Forest must be posted to alert about any use of chemical sprays -- fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, rodenticides, etc., excluding biological and inert control measures. The weather proof signs must be posted every 50 ft. before spraying can commence. Any violation of this by-law shall be punished by a fine of not more than $200 each day or portion thereof during which the violation continues and shall constitute a separate offence if more than one condition be violated. This by-law shall be enforced by a town police officer upon request of the Board of Health or the Conservation Commission. The Board of Selectpersons and the town counsel shall take such legal action as necessary to enforce this by-law, or take any action thereon.

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the action taken under Article 53 of the Annual Town Meeting held March 11, 1972 (providing for highway surveyor, under the provisions of Section 1 of Chapter 41 M.G.L.) and Annual Town Election Question #2, May 3, 1975, or take any action thereof.

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote that the section of road in Wendell now known as Millers Falls Road or Arch Road or Mormon Hollow Road, running from the intersection of Farley Road and Millers Falls Road to Mormon Hollow Road on the Town line of Montague, be henceforth known as and legally changed to Mormon Hollow Road, or take any action thereon.

Article 24: To transact any other legal business that may come before said meeting.

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